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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
THREE FELONS SENTENCED
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three felons were sentenced in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms. Today's sentencings are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Eric L. Dunn**, 30, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to two years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 30, 2003, **Dunn** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Dunn** admitted that he was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .357 caliber handgun on Aug. 7, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Dunn** has a 2002 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance, a 1996 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance and two 1992 criminal felony convictions for unlawful possession of an illegal weapon and tampering.

Dunn was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 19, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Keith L. Massey**, 23, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to two years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 4, 2004, **Massey** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Massey** admitted that he was in possession of a Glock handgun on Sept. 25, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Massey** has three 2001 criminal felony convictions for possession of drugs, bribery and being a felon in possession of a firearm and two 2000 criminal felony convictions for possession of marijuana and possession of cocaine.

Massey was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 10, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. It was investigated by the North Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Eric L. Miles**, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to two years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 19, 2003, **Miles** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Miles** admitted that he was in possession of a Bryco Arms .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol on Oct. 2, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Miles** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance, a 2000 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon and a 1999 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

Miles was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 21, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 590 defendants, and convictions against 500 of those defendants, including 472 who pleaded guilty and 28 who were convicted at trial.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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